

REMARKS

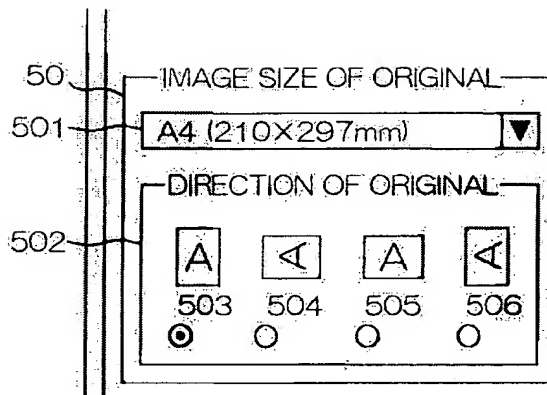
This amendment is being filed concurrently with an RCE. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, and reconsideration of the Office Action dated September 13, 2005.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 4-6, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28 are allowed.

Claims 1-3, 10-12, 17-19 and 24-26 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hasegawa (US Patent 5,778,276) in view of Frederiksen et al (US Patent 6,859,287). Claims 1, 10, 17 and 24 are amended and are believed to distinguish from the prior art of record. Dependent claim 31 is added and new independent claim 32 is added. Similarly, new claims have been added to further claim the inventions described by claims 10 (scanner driver), 17 (recording medium) and 24 (signal transmittable).

Claims 1, 10, 17 and 24 have been amended to make it clear that the second setting means includes a "selecting means". This "selecting means" accepts operator manual input for selecting one of a plurality of combination patterns that are made by combining a figure of an original viewed by an operator and the direction of the image of the original viewed by the operator.

Newly added claims 31 and 32 clarify that the second setting means provides combination patterns made by combining a figure of a generally rectangular shaped original viewed from an operator and direction of the image in the original viewed from the operator. Claims 31 and 32 further require that the combination patterns include a first, second, third and fourth combination patterns that are correspond to four combination patterns 503, 504, 505 and 506 shown in Fig. 4.



Portion of Application Figure 4

The corresponding description appears at page 21 of the originally filed application. Neither the Hasegawa nor Frederiksen et al. references discloses or even suggests the limitations added to claim 1 by this amendment or recited in new claims 31 and 32. Frederiksen et al. teaches a visual feedback control panel display 12 that includes a graphical document image 64 that changes to match the selections made by a user. Possible selections include document size 36, number of size 38, page type 40 and page orientation 42 (see reference column 3, line 63 - column 4, line 20). However, Frederiksen et al. fail to disclose a selecting means with which an operator can manually select one of the combination patterns made by combining a figure at of an original and the direction of the image on the original as recited in amended claim 1 and new claim 32. Frederiksen et al. also fail to disclose that the specific combination patterns as specified in the new claims 31 and 32 are provided or formed on the panel display 12.

Our claimed “second setting means” (amended claim 1 and new claims 31 and 32) provides the plurality of combination patterns (at least four combination patterns in the invention of claims 31 and 32) to be selected by an operator. Using the claimed setting means, the operator can easily set the orientation of the original and the orientation of the

image formed in the original. This results in an enhanced user interface of a scanner system that is more user-friendly than the Frederiksen et al.'s visual feedback control panel display 12.

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Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment and the above remarks obviate all outstanding issues, thereby placing the application in condition for immediate allowance. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

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